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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of December 5, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire March 5, 2009, and an extended period set to expire May 5, 2009. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

Applicants request entry of this Amendment and Response because applicants have cancelled all rejected claims and have rewritten all allowable claims in independent form with all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

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